

**CHAPTER NO. 355**

**SENATE BILL NO. 1417**

**By Rochelle**

Substituted for: House Bill No. 1986

By Bone

AN ACT To amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68, Chapter 221, Part 6, relative to certain powers and authority concerning services provided in jurisdiction of water and wastewater treatment authority.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-221-608, is amended by adding the following new subsection:

( ) (1) As used in this act, "sewer" means waste water collection and/or treatment.

(2) The board may enter into contracts with any public or private corporation providing sewer services within the jurisdiction, or with any utility district or municipal utilities board or commission operating a water system within the jurisdiction of the authority, for the collection of sewer charges; and the authority, or any public corporation, utility district or municipal utilities board or commission so contracting with the authority or contracting directly with any public or private corporation providing sewer services within the jurisdiction, is authorized and empowered:

(A) To meter, bill and collect sewer service charges as an added designated item on its water service bills, or otherwise;

(B) To discontinue water service to sewer users who fail or refuse to pay sewer service charges;

(C) Not to accept payment of water service charges from any customer without receiving at the same time payment of any sewer service charges owed by such customer; and

(D) Not to reestablish water service for any customer until such time as all past due sewer service charges owed by such customer have been paid.

Such public corporation, utility district or municipal utilities board or commission is hereby authorized to perform all acts and discharge all obligations required by the provisions of any such contract or contracts.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED: May 26, 1999

  
JOHN S. WILDER  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

  
JIMMY NAIFEH, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 14th day of June 1999

  
DON CONQUIST, GOVERNOR